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1. VLADIVOSTOK MEETING. ALL CENTRAL PRESS ON NOVEMBER 21 REPORTED BREZHNEV'S DEPARTURE FOR VLADIVOSTOK ON THE EVENING OF NOVEMBER 20. HE WAS SAID TO BE GOING FOR A "WORKING MEETING" WITH PRISIDENT FORD FOR "AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON QUESTIONS OF MUTUAL INTEREST." TRAVELLING WITH BREZHNEV WERE GROMYKO, CIVIL AVIATION MINISTER BUGAYEV, AMBASSADOR DOBRYNIN, BREZHNEV'S ADVISER ALEKSANDROV, TASS DIRECTOR ZAMYATIN, AND MFA USA DIVISION DIRECTOR KORNIYENKO. THEY WERE SEEN OFF BY ALL MOSCOW-BASED
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POLITICAL LEADERS EXCEPT KULAKOV, WHO IS IN PRAGUE. PRAVDA

CARRIED AN ARTICLE BY SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT KURDYUMOV FROM NEW YORK ON U.S. MEDIA COVERAGE WELCOMING THE VISIT, INCLUDING A QUOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT'S INTERVIEW IN U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT.

PRAVDA ALSO CARRIED THE SECOND OF A TWO-PART SERIES ON VLADIVOSTOK, WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON ITS PACIFIC OCEAN SETTING AND ON ITS PAST TIES WITH THE U.S. SEVERAL LOCAL PEOPLE THERE WERE QUOTED WELCOMING THE UPCOMING MEETING.

2. PRESIDENT FORD IN JAPAN. PRAVDA CARRIED TWO TASS ITEMS FROM TOKYO ON THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT. THE FIRST REPORTED THE JAPAN-U.S. COMMUNIQUE, BUT CITED JAPANESE PRESS REPORTS THAT TWO OF THE CENTRAL ISSUES -- THE U.S. PROPOSAL ON COMMON STEPS BY OIL CONSUMING COUNTRIES, AND JAPANESE CONCERN OVER U.S. SHIPS CARRYING NUCLEAR WEAPONS -- WERE NOT MENTIONED IN THE COMMUNIQUE. THE SECOND ARTICLE REPLAYED JAPANESE PRESS COMMENTS THAT TANAKA SHOULD STEP DOWN NEXT WEEK, AFTER THE PRESIDENT LEAVES.

3. IRAN. THE SHAH'S DEPARTURE ON NOVEMBER 20 WAS REPORTED IN ALL CENTRAL NEWSPAPERS. THE COMMUNIQUE WAS NOTABLY SHORT. IT SAID THAT THE COUNTRIES OF THE PERSIAN GULF SHOULD SOLVE THEIR OWN PROBLEMS. AND IT ALSO ENDORSED "SYSTEMS OF SECURITY IN ASIA," DIRECTED TOWARD THE COMMON STRENGTHENING OF ALL ASIAN STATES IT MADE NO DIRECT REFERENCE TO TALKS ON IRANIAN-IRAQI RELATIONS (COMMENT SEPTEL).

4. ZAMBIA. ALL CENTRAL PRESS REPORTED PRESIDENT KAUNDA'S ARRIVAL AND HIS MEETING WITH BREZHNEV ON NOVEMBER 20. NO DETAILS OF THE TALKS HAVE BEEN DISCLOSED.

5. TREATMENT OF THE U.S. IZVESTIYA (NOVEMBER 20) CARRIES A FEATURE ARTICLE ON CHICAGO AS A HUB OF GROWING U.S.-SOVIET TRADE, AND REPORTS U.S. ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, TOGETHER WITH THOSE IN OTHER CAPITALIST STATES.

6. MIDDLE EAST. THE CENTRAL PRESS ANNOUNCE BREZHNEV'S VISIT TO IRAQ IN THE SECOND HALF OF JANUARY. THE ANNOUNCEMENT FOLLOWS BY ONE DAY THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF HIS VISIT TO SYRIA AND THE SHAH'S RETURN TO TEHRAN. AN IZVESTIYA COMMENTARY BY MIDDLE EAST SPECIALIST UNCLASSIFIED

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KUDRYAVTESV (NOVEMBER 20), HITS ISRAEL (AND ITS "PATRONS") VERY HARD FOR ALLEGED ISRAELI AGGRESSIVE INTENTIONS KUDRYAVTSEV ALSO ATTACKS THE DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT AS "MANEUVERS" TO BREAK UP ARAB UNITY AND TO LIQUIDATE THE PALESTINIAN NOVEMBER. (COMMENTS SEPTEL.)

7. INDIAN OCEAN. A PRAVDA COMMENTARY BY OLEG SKALKIN REPORTS THE DELHI MEETING, CALLING FOR THE LIQUIDATION OF FOREIGN BASES

IN THE INDIAN OCEAN AND THE ESTABLISHMENT THERE OF ZONE OF PEACE.
THE COMMENTARY DENOUNCES UK-SOUTH AFRICAN NAVAL EXERCISE
AND THE PENTAGON'S ATTEMPT TO EXPAND AND MODERNIZE A BASE AT
DIEGO GARCIA.

8. VIETNAM. PRAVDA REPORTED THE ARRIVAL IN MOSCOW ON NOVEMBER
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